### SRS rater overview

#### Background
A rater is a permanent member of staff nominated by the principal to provide their professional assessment of each SRS applicant's:
- performance and ability in 10 areas of study
- aptitude in 5 categories.

#### Rater schedule
SRS applications open on Thursday 1 April and close at midnight on Sunday 19 September.

UAC will send emails to relevant school principals each time one or more students submit an SRS application. Raters can rate applicants progressively via SRS Schools.

All SRS ratings must be finalised by midnight Thursday 30 September.

#### 10 areas of study

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**Rating scale:**
- Exceptional
- Very good
- Good
- Adequate
- Inadequate
- Not applicable

#### How to rate areas of study

- **Commerce, Education and Health:**
  While students may not currently be studying these areas, rate them on their suitability to undertake courses in these fields.

- **English/Humanities/Social Sciences:**
  Rate the student's performance in their strongest subject within this area of study.

**'Not applicable' rating:**
Use this rating if a student is not studying this area.

If you rate one or more areas as 'Not Applicable', this will not disadvantage your student as long as a rating other than 'Not Applicable' is provided for at least one area of study.

#### 5 aptitude categories

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<td>Ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form</td>
<td>Ability to work and learn independently</td>
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<td>Motivation to achieve long-term goals</td>
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- Exceptional
- Good
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#### Rater template
In order to assist schools in collating their ratings, a rater template is available at uac.edu.au/schools/srs-schools.

#### How ratings are used
Institutions will use ratings and other information to determine which applicants they will make SRS offers to.

Detailed information on how each institution will determine its SRS offers is available at uac.edu.au/srs-criteria.